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Bismarck Nurse Indicted

BISMARCK - Acting United States Attorney Lynn C. Jordheim announces that **Jacqueline Gross Binstock**, 37, of Bismarck, North Dakota, was indicted by a federal grand jury on September 23, 2009, and is charged with acquisition of controlled substances by misrepresentation and forgery.

The indictment alleges that from in or about January 2007 through August 2008, Binstock fraudulently obtained the controlled substances oxycodone, hydromorphone, and hydrocodone. Binstock was employed as a registered nurse at the time of the alleged offense. Binstock made her initial appearance in United States District Court on October 15, 2009, before United States District Court Magistrate Judge Charles S. Miller, Jr. She was released on her own personal recognizance. A trial has been scheduled for December 22, 2009, at 9:30 a.m., in Bismarck, before Chief Judge Daniel L. Hovland.

The statutory maximum sentence for this offense is four years of imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine. The case is being investigated by the Bismarck Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Jordheim stressed that an indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raises no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed

innocent until competent evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

Assistant United States Attorney David Hagler is prosecuting the case.

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